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IRRIGATION PROJECTS--An official spokesman for the Ministry of Planning announced on June 11 that about 1.4 billion Syrian pounds were allocated in the development budget for irrigation projects in the Syrian region for the next 10 years. (Beirut, ANA, June 11, 1958, 1025 GMT--M)

BLACKLISTED SHIP--The department of customs in Alexandria has decided to blacklist the Dutch ship Nigeria for shipping war materials to Israel. (Cairo, MENA, June 9, 1958, 1121 GMT--M)

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS--It was decided June 11 to exchange diplomatic representation between the UAR and Liberia at the embassy level. (Cairo, MENA, June 11, 1958, 1122 GMT--M)

ARAB DIPLOMATS--Salah al-Bitar has criticized Arab diplomats in South American countries for their failure to stress the mission of the Arab cause among the countries to which they are assigned. (Beirut, ANA, June 10, 1958, 0930 GMT--M)

SHIPYARD PROJECT--The Krupp Company is negotiating in Cairo for a contract to build a shipyard at Alexandria, with the cost of the installation scheduled to be about 45 million marks. (Paris, AFP, June 10, 1958, 1057 GMT--E)

CZECH JOURNALISTS--A delegation of Czechoslovak journalists left Damascus June 12 for Prague after a four-day visit to the Syrian region of the UAR. The delegation had earlier spent 10 days in the Egyptian region at the invitation of the department of information. (Cairo, MENA, June 12, 1958, 1115 GMT--M)

CUSTOMS TARIFF--AL-AHRAM reports that it has learned that the customs tariff fixed by the supreme customs council of the Syrian region was not discussed at meetings of the executive council in Cairo. The paper learns that President Abd an-Nasir will issue an order that any changes in customs tariff, revenues, or taxes must be proclaimed by a decree. (Cairo, MENA, June 7, 1958, 0500 GMT--M)

PARATROOP GRADUATION--A new group of paratroopers were graduated June 11 in the northern region of the UAR. (Cairo, June 11, 1958, 1000 GMT--M) (UNCLASSIFIED). Units of the paratroopers corps of the UAR are scheduled to hold maneuvers June 11 to test their ability to operate in populated areas. Paratroopers will jump from helicopters and jet planes, and will free fall for one minute before opening their chutes. The maneuvers will take place in the suburbs of Cairo. Units from both regions of the republic will participate. (Cairo, Hebrew, June 10, 1958, 1600 GMT--M) (UNCLASSIFIED)

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